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SUBJECT: WEEKLY DIPLOMATIC AND SECURITY UPDATE

REF: (A) KABUL 1831, (B) KABUL 1860 (NOTAL)

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: TENSIONS REMAINED HIGH IN KABUL DURING THE WEEK AS RUMORS INDICATED THAT RESISTANCE FORCES HAD MOVED CLOSER TO THE CAPITAL AND AFGHAN AND SOVIET FORCES HAD ATTACKED OUTLYING TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN RESPONSE. THE RUMOR MILLS WENT INTO HIGH GEAR SPECULATING ABOUT AN IMMINENT CHANGE IN DRA LEADERSHIP, AND THE KHALQ-PARCHAM FEUD CONTINUED AS THREE MORE FORMER KHALQI MINISTERS WERE EXECUTED. THE WAVE OF POISONINGS ALSO CONTINUED, WITH DRA MEDIA TRYING TO PIN THE BLAME ON THE US AND OTHER ENEMIES. JUMPY SECURITY FORCES SEEMED SPORADICALLY ON EXTRA ALERT DURING THE WEEK. SOVIET AND AFGHAN MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT ACTIVITY ROARED IN AND OUT OF THE CITY AT A HIGH RATE, BUT CONVOYS WERE LESS IN EVIDENCE. THE DRA TRIED SOME MORE HARASSING TACTICS AGAINST THE EMBASSY. TRAVELERS BROUGHT FURTHER STORIES OF FIGHTING IN THE PROVINCES, BUT SOME TRUCKS AND BUSES FINALLY GOT THROUGH TO PAKISTAN DURING THE WEEK. END SUMMARY.

3. KABUL RESIDENTS' NERVES WERE FURTHER FRAYED THIS WEEK BY REPORTS THAT FIGHTING BETWEEN RESISTANCE FORCES AND SOVIET AND AFGHAN TROOPS HAD COME CLOSER TO THE CITY. MOST OF THIS WEEK'S BATTLES SEEM TO HAVE OCCURRED TO THE WEST OF THE CITY AROUND THE NEARBY MOUNTAIN RETREAT OF PAGHMAN. ONE CONTACT CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN 35 TRUCKLOADS OF NEW ARMY RECRUITS HEADED FOR THE GULDARA AREA NEAR PAGHMAN ON JUNE 11. (A WESTERNER WHO LIVES IN PAGHMAN REPORTED JUNE 15 THAT NO FIGHTING HAD OCCURRED IN THE TOWN ITSELF.) TWO SOURCES
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CLAIMED THAT HEAVY FIGHTING HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KABUL WHERE THE HIGHWAY TO KANDAHAR BRANCHES OFF FROM THE ROAD TO PAGHMAN. TRAVELERS WHO PASSED THAT POINT IN THE LAST THREE DAYS, HOWEVER, SAW NO EVIDENCE OF FIGHTING, INDICATING THAT IF ANY SHOOTING DID TAKE PLACE THERE IT MUST HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO SMALL ARMS FIRING.

4. REPORTS INDICATE THAT BATTLES ARE STILL RAGING IN SEVERAL OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. FIGHTING REPORTEDLY BROKE OUT AGAIN NEAR JEGHATU IN WARDAK PROVINCE ON THE ROAD TO KANDAHAR, WITH

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SOVIET TROOPS MOVING IN TO QUELL RESISTANCE [3 WORDS ILLEG]
SOVIET BOMBING EARLIER THIS MONTH (REFTEL B). ANOTHER
[ILLEG] REPORTED THAT SOVIET TROOPS HAD LEFT ON JUNE 15 FOR
[2 WORDS ILLEG] STAGING AREA FOR THE FIGHTING AT [ILLEG].
AN AFGHAN SOURCE TOLD US THAT HE HAD [ILLEG] FROM A RELATIVE
IN [ILLEG] ON JUNE 14 THAT ISLAMIC NATIONALISTS HAD CAPTURED
[4 WORDS ILLEG]
IN ZABOL PROVINCE. THE CALLET ASSERTED THAT ARMORED
VEHICLES ESCORTING THE CONVOY HAD HIGHTAILED IT WHEN THE
SHOOTING STARTED.

5. SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES APPEARED ON THE STREETS THREE OR
FOUR TIMES DURING THE WEEK, BUT OUR CONTACTS COULD TIE THEIR
ACTIVITIES TO NO PARTICULAR EVENT. ON JUNE 13 THE UNCP
RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE (A BULGARIAN) ORDERED HIS STAFF TO
STAY AWAY FROM THE GOLF COURSE ON THE WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF
[ILLEG] AT THE RESERVOIR, SAYING HE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO DO
SO BY [ILLEG] AUTHORITIES. THAT MORNING KABUL RESIDENTS
WERE TREATED TO SEVERAL HOURS OF FAIRLY NEARBY ARTILLERY
FIRING. SOME OF IT PERHAPS FROM THE KARGA ARMY BASED NEAR
THE GOLF COURSE. [ILLEG]BERATIONS FROM SURROUND HILLS MAKE
IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PINPOINT THE SOURCE OF THE GUNFIRE.)
A DRA ANNOUNCEMENT THE DAY BEFORE HAD WARNED RESIDENTS OF A
MILITARY "[ILLEG]" AROUND KHAIR KHANA IN THE NORTHERN
SECTION OF [ILLEG]... THE [ILLEG] GUNFIRE PROMPTED SCORES
OF RUMORS OF BATTLES BETWEEN [ILLEG] FORCES AND RESISTANCE
FIGHTERS BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY HARD EVIDENCE
OF SUCH ACTIVITY.

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SOVIET TROOPS MOVING IN TO GUESS RESISTANCE LEFT UNDAUNTED BY SOVIET BOMBING EARLIER THIS MONTH (REF ID: A67111). ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTED THAT SOVIET TROOPS HAD LEFT ON JUNE 15 FOR A STAGING AREA FOR THE FIGHTING AT JESMAI. AN AFGHAN SOURCE TOLD US THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM A RELATIVE IN BANGKOK ON JUNE 14 THAT ISLAMIC NATIONALISTS HAD CAPTURED 10 U.S. AIR CRAFT IN ZABOL PROVINCE. THE CALLER ASSERTED THAT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT IS ESCORTING THE CONVOY HAD NIGHTAILED IT OVER THE SOUTH OF SABA.

5. SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES APPEARED ON THE STREET'S THREE OR FOUR TIMES DURING THE WEEK, BUT CIA CONTACTS COULD NOT LINK THESE ACTIVITIES TO NO PARTICULAR EVENT. ON JUNE 13 THE U.S. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE (A BULGARIAN) CALLED HIS STAFF TO STAY AWAY FROM THE GOLF COURSE ON THE WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF KABUL AT THE RESERVOIR, SAYING HE HAD BEEN ADVISED TO DO SO BY CIA AUTHORITIES. THAT MORNING KABUL RESIDENTS WERE TREATED TO SEVERAL HOURS OF FAIRLY NEARBY ARTILLERY FIRING, SOME OF WHICH PERHAPS FROM THE KANGA ARMY BASE NEAR THE GOLF COURSE. OBSERVATIONS FROM SURROUNDING HILLS MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PINPOINT THE SOURCE OF THE GUNFIRE. A CIA ANNOUNCEMENT THE NIGHT BEFORE HAD WARNED RESIDENTS OF A MILITARY "OPERATION" AROUND KHAIR KHANA IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF KABUL. THE GUNFIRE PROMPTED SCORES OF RUMORS OF BATTLES BETWEEN SOVIET FORCES AND RESISTANCE FIGHTERS BUT NO HARD EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITY.

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7. THE KHALQ-PARCHAM FEUD CONTINUED NONETHELESS. AS THE DRA ANNOUNCED THAT THREE MORE OF AMIN'S MINISTERS HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH. ONE OF OUR SOURCES INSISTS THAT THEY AND PERHAPS 20 OTHERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXECUTED. REPORTS FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT ASSASSINATIONS OF LOW-LEVEL KHALQI GOVERNOR OF NANGARHAR REFUSED TO DEPART WHEN A PARCHAMIST WAS SENT TO REPLACE HIM ON JUNE 9. AS OF JUNE 12, THE GOVERNOR WAS SAID TO BE HOLDING OUT IN HIS OFFICES WHICH WERE SURROUNDED BY DETERMINED SUPPORTERS FROM THE SHINGARI TRIBE.

8. MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND SOME OFFICE WORKERS WERE DOWNED BY THE MYSTERIOUS POISONING WHICH HAS AFFECTED KABUL SCHOOLS SINCE JUNE 8 AND WHICH THE DRA IS BLAMING ON THE US, THE CHINESE AND OTHER "AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM." EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND FSN'S AND OTHER WESTERNERS SAW SOME OF THE VICTIMS OUTSIDE THE JUMHURIAT HOSPITAL ON JUNE 12, WHEN THE DRA CLAIMED THAT ANOTHER 350 STUDENTS AT 14 SCHOOLS WERE AFFECTED. ACCORDING TO THE AFGHAN MEDIA AND INDEPENDENT SOURCES, WORKERS AT THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND AT THE DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION FOR AFGHAN WOMEN WERE ALSO HIT BY THE POISONING. SOME EMPLOYEES WHOSE CHILDREN WERE VICTIMS REPORTED THAT THEY RECALLED SMELLING APPLES JUST BEFORE FALLING WHILE OTHERS CLAIMED TO HAVE SMELLED ROTTEN EGGS OR SULFUR.

9. SOVIET VTA AIRCRAFT FLEW IN AND OUT OF KABUL AIRPORT IN A STEADY STREAM DURING THE WEEK. EMBASSY OFFICIALS COUNTED AT LEAST 12 TAKEOFFS EACH DAY AND SIX EACH NIGHT THROUGH JUNE [ILLEG] INTERSPERSED WITH THE SOVIET TRANSPORTS, AT LEAST [WORDS ILLEG] AFGHAN MILITARY TRANSPORTS [WORDS ILLEG] TWO PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN [WORDS ILLEG] AEROFLOT MARKINGS TOOK A [WORDS ILLEG] JUNE 13. SOVIET CONVOYS THROUGH THE [WORDS ILLEG] THIS WEEK AS THEY HAVE BEEN [ILLEG].

10. DRA HARASSMENT AND [WORDS ILLEG] REGIME CONTINUED. THE DEPARTMENT [WORDS ILLEG] WASHINGTON WAS NOT [WORDS ILLEG] ADMINISTRATIVE [WORDS ILLEG]

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6. MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND SOME OFFICE WORKERS WERE KILLED BY THE MYSTERIOUS POISONING WHICH HAS AFFECTED 145,000 STUDENTS SINCE JUNE 8 AND WHICH THE DRA IS BLAMING ON THE U.S. THE CHINESE AND OTHER "AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM." EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND FSN'S AND OTHER WESTERNERS SAW SOME OF THE VICTIMS OUTSIDE THE JUMHURIAT HOSPITAL ON JUNE 12, WHEN THE DRA CLAIMED THAT ANOTHER 350 STUDENTS AT 14 SCHOOLS WERE AFFECTED. ACCORDING TO THE AFGHAN MEDIA AND INDEPENDENT SOURCES, WORKERS AT THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND AT THE DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION FOR AFGHAN WOMEN WERE ALSO HIT BY THE POISONING. SOME EMPLOYEES WHOSE CHILDREN WERE VICTIMS REPEATEDLY SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECALLED SPELLING APPLES JUST BEFORE FALLING ILL. OTHERS CLAIMED TO HAVE SNEEZED AFTER EATING EGGS ON 6/11/84.

9. SOVIET VTA AIRCRAFT FLY IN AND OUT OF LAX. AIRCRAFT IN A STEADY STREAM DURING THE WEEK. EMBASSY WILL BE AT LEAST 12 TAKEOFFS EACH DAY AND 500 LAX. AIRCRAFT WILL BE IN THE AIR. CONFIDENTIAL. CONFIDENTIAL.

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A REQUEST THAT WE ADD TRADITIONAL DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE (WHICH
COULD IMPLY RECOGNITION OF THE KARMAL REGIME). IN THE WAKE
OF RUMORS OF POSSIBLE ATTACKS ON THE EMBASSY, WE HAD A THOROUGH
INTERNAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY DRILL ON JUNE 14. WE NOW COUNT
47 AMERICANS IN AFGHANISTAN.
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